Religious Actor Engagement and U.S. Foreign Policy



Project Title	Religious Actor Engagement and U.S. Foreign Policy
Project Summary	Researching and analyzing activities of religious actors and faith-based organizations in foreign countries to help Department officials make foreign policy decisions
Country	United States

Project Description

The Office of International Religious Freedom's Strategic Religious Engagement Unit provides analysis of religion's role in foreign affairs and strives to educate American foreign policy actors on the importance of engaging international religious actors and communities in making foreign policy. VSFS interns will work directly with policy advisers on research projects examining the religious environment of a specific country(s) to helping prepare for a conference event to developing training materials. Analyses may take on a broad scope to look at cross-national issues as well as narrow in on issues in the corner of an individual country. A conference or training event could require research on invitees or creating curricula. The goal is to develop upto-date resources for use by regional policy advisers as well as Department staff working across regions and on a broad swath of issues. The specific work activity will vary depending on staff needs.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)

Analytical writing Political Analysis Research

Additional Information

Interns may be working with several policy advisers to address their needs in preparing assessments of the religious landscapes of countries of need, even looking at very narrow issues involving religious communities (i.e. social inclusion of immigrant religious groups in northern Italy). Other assignments in this broad topic may

arise as the group is involved in a variety of projects (training preparation, event preparation, developing news feeds, and more). As such, activities may vary.

Language Requirements

None